CONSTRUCTION OF FEEDER ROADS FOR CONNECTING FISHING VILLAGES WITH MAIN ROADS.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Sir, I move the following Resolution:

> This Assembly recommends to the Government to construct as early as possible feeder roads for connecting fishing villages with main roads.

This resolution is self-explanatory and its importance need not be emphasised now. I shall content myself by reading the following resolution passed at the second meeting of the Agricultural Board held recently:—

> Fisheries in several fishing villages of Travancore are put to considerable difficulties and loss in transporting their product to markets for want of roads. This state of affairs has its own adverse repurcussions on the fishing industry. Hence this Board resolved that Government may be moved to formulate the policy of opening feeder roads to the fishing villages connecting them with main roads.

That resolution was discussed by the Board at some length and passed unanimously. This is not a controversial subject. No two opinions can be had on this important question. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

MR. D. FRANCIS: I second it.

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: The question of opening roads has been a burning subject for a long time past and the particular subject which the honourable member has proposed is not by any means a new one. We have roads projected along coastal tracts. For want of money, these are awaiting completion; a few have seen built. There is a road from Valiathurai. There is also another road from Veli lake. These form portions of a coastal road southwards. thOer sections of that road have been estimated. All that I can now say is, the construction ....

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: I am unable to hear the member.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will please raise his voice.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The construction of some of the coastal roads is under contemplation.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Are not the roads mentioned by the member within the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The resolution speaks of roads connecting fishing villages.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Roads of which place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I am sure the honourable member must know that the roads I have spoken are in fishing areas.

MR. E. P VARGHESE: But those areas belong to the Trivandrum Municipality.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That does not matter. This resolution has nothing to do with the municipality as the honourable member puts it. At any rate, we have other sections too that are projected for

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construction in South Travancore. A road in Poovar is one of such kind. Another section in that part has been contemplated by Government. In Thengapattanam—Colachel side there is a proposal for a coastal fishing road. That also is south of Trivandrum. All those projects are awaiting funds. It is not possible to open a few miles in length here and there and leave it incomplete. There is some difficulty in the proposition. But I may assure the honourable member that his point will not be forgotten and when funds become available the Government will only be pleased to sanction the construction of the roads which is the subject matter of the resolution.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: May I ask the member what about the roads connecting the fishing villages of Karunagapalli with the Quilon-Alleppey road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I do not know whether anything has been proposed. But I will refer the honourable member to what I said at the budget session. I am afraid I shall have to say the same thing for some time more. All members should put their heads together and get a priority list of roads from their point of view so that the P. W. D. may have to cut and dry plan of road construction in Travancore to submit to Government.

PRESIDENT: Before putting the resolution to the vote of the House I wish to add a word. The honourale members will be glad to learn that there is now under negotiation with the Government of Travancore a project for establishing three refrigeratory centres at various selected fishing points, for the purpose of gathering together and exporting fish from Travancore for use outside. Proposals to that effect have come and in fact are under discussion. Last of those discussions took place yesterday and if such a project matures-- it is likely to mature—then special localities will have to be served with roads, because, as soon as fish are caught, they will have to be rushed to a place where special refrigeratory conditions are provided, and treated in that special progress and then utilised for marketing. So this matter will have to be considered in connection with that project if, as I hope, that will mature.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In view of the assurance made by the President, I beg to withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn and meet again at 9 A. M. on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at 4-13 P. M.

E. I. CHACKO,
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